



Welcome to the July 2025 edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

### **July 2025 Club Meeting - Wednesday evening July 2nd, "on air" on the CRA repeater**

Happy Canada Day! 🇨🇦 With the first Tuesday of the month falling on July 1st, we'll be having a special "on air" meeting on Wednesday, July 2nd, on the VE1CRA repeater, starting at 8:00 PM (2000). The topic for the evening will be the upcoming flea market. We will be meeting again in person at our usual location at the Stratford Town Centre on August 5th.

### **Field Day 2025 - Recap**

This year's field day was held in Malpeque PEI. Despite some rain, the weekend was a great success with a total of 380 contacts (source: Doug VY2DS). Great job, everyone!

### **RAC Canada Day Contest - July 1st**

As every year, July 1st is RAC Canada Day Contest day. Please click [this link](#) for more details and contest rules. Darrell VY2OM will be using the RAC call sign VY2RAC and is looking for anyone who would like to come out to his address in West St. Peters to operate VY2RAC with him as part of the contest. If you are interested and have not received an email with Darrell's address and contact details, please send an email to [secretary@charlottetownarc.com](mailto:secretary@charlottetownarc.com).

### **13 Colonies Special Event - July 1st-7th**

This annual contest has become very popular on both sides of the Pond. It starts July 1st and runs for one week, with the goal to work special event stations in each of the 13 original colonies for special awards and certificates. More information is available here: <http://13colonies.us/>

### **CARC Flea Market - July 26th - 7 Tamarac Ave, Charlottetown**

After a very fun time last year, we have decided to host another flea market this summer. It'll likely be even better than last year's, so you won't want to miss it. 😊 The date will be Saturday, July 26th, and the location is St. Mark's Church, 7 Tamarac Ave, Charlottetown. Vendors can secure a table for \$10 and start setting up on the day at 9:00 AM. The doors for attendees will open at 10:00 AM. The entrance fee will be \$5 per person, which includes a free coffee, tea, or bottled water. For more information, click [here](#).

### **2025 Ontario Hamfest - July 12th - Milton ON**

General admission is \$10 per person. Vendors pay an extra \$10. Doors open at 7:00 AM for tailgating vendors and 9:00 AM for everyone else. The address is the Milton Agricultural Fairground in Milton ON. [This](#) is their website where you can find more details including directions and maps.

### **Name for our Newsletter - Finalists**

We thought it was time for this newsletter to have its very own name. So for a number of weeks, we have been collecting name suggestions and voting on them over on the club members' Discord server. The top three finalists are: VY2 News, The Island Beacon, and The Island Signal. The final name will be announced after the August club meeting. Stay tuned!

### **Contest Calendar - July**

[RAC Canada Day Contest](#) - 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1, 2025

[Annual 13 Colonies Special Event](#) - July 1, 2025-1300 UTC to July 8, 2025-0400 UTC

[CQ Worldwide VHF SSB/CB Contest](#) - 1200Z, Jul 5 to 1200Z, Jul 6, 2025

[Marconi Memorial HF Contest](#) - 1400Z, Jul 5 to 1400Z, Jul 6, 2025

[IARU HF World Championship](#) - 1200Z, Jul 12 to 1200Z, Jul 13, 2025

[CQ Worldwide VHF Digital Contest](#) - 1200Z, Jul 19 to 1200Z, Jul 20, 2025

Also check out <https://contestcalendar.com> for other contests.

### **Meetings and Events Calendar - July**

- 2: Monthly club meeting, held "on air" at 8:00 PM (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 PM (2000)
- 5, 12, 19, 26: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 AM (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
- 5, 12, 19, 26: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 AM (800)
- 7: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 PM (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW (to be confirmed)
- 9, 16, 23, 30: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 PM (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

### **Future Events:**

August 7: Cape Bear Lighthouse and Marconi Station event for International Lighthouse Day, and CARC has undertaken to activate the lighthouse on that day. Times and details to follow.

August 16-17: [International Lightship and Lighthouse Event](#)

September 6 2025: [Ottawa \(Carp\) 2025 Hamfest](#) and RAC AGM

Help Us Out!

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